

As a radio astronomer, I would like to emphasize the importance of keeping large portions of the radio spectrum essentially empty near radioastronomical observatories - like an "electromagnetic national park" - to provide astronomers with the opportunity to observe faint signals originating deep in the cosmos. The radio astronomy community would also like to encourage and participate in the improvement of old techniques and the development of new techniques designed to minimize radio frequency interference (e.g. modulation, filtering, RFI excision, etc.).